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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on November 8, 2000, Applicants make the following amendments and submit the remarks appearing after the amendments.

Applicants believe that no extension or fees are necessary, however, this is a conditional petition for any extension needed and a conditional authorization to charge any missing fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 27 without prejudice, please amend claims 22 and 26, and please add new claims 28-33, as follows.

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22. (Amended) A guide wire comprising:
an elongate core composed of a nickel-titanium alloy and [having] including a length and a distal portion; and
a coil including a distal end and composed of a second material [and surrounding] that surrounds a substantial portion of the length of the core and extends distal of the distal portion of the core.